



1 Oct. 30, 1961 The Soviet Union detonates the largest nuclear device ever built, although it was useless as a weapon.

3 1996 More than 150 nations, including the United States and Russia, signed the **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty**, prohibiting all nuclear tests.

2 1963 The United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom sign the **Limited Test Ban Treaty**, which bans nuclear testing except underground.

Health Effects of Nuclear Testing
Radioactive dust and ash, called fallout, affects large areas far from the above ground test sites. People exposed to fallout have an increased risk of cancer.

Global Nuclear Weapons Testing
1945–Present

- Declared nuclear nation
- Nuclear Tests Sites**
- Conducted by the United States
- Conducted by the Soviet Union
- Conducted by other nations
- Political boundaries of 1989